

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a \$3.9 million grant to Elder Services of Berkshire County to convert the former Lee Central School into affordable elderly housing.

“This project will assure a consistent and long-term solution to the area’s shortage of affordable housing,” said Olver. “It is a great example of how federal funding can be used to address a critical need in our community.”

The grant was awarded through a HUD assistance program that provides capital advance funding for the conversion of existing buildings into affordable housing. The funding will allow Elder Services of Berkshire County to convert the former Lee Central School into 20 units of affordable elderly housing.

“This funding will help fill the need for affordable elderly housing in this region, but Elder Services of Berkshire County will continue to seek other ways to address the need for affordable housing in the region,” said Olver.

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